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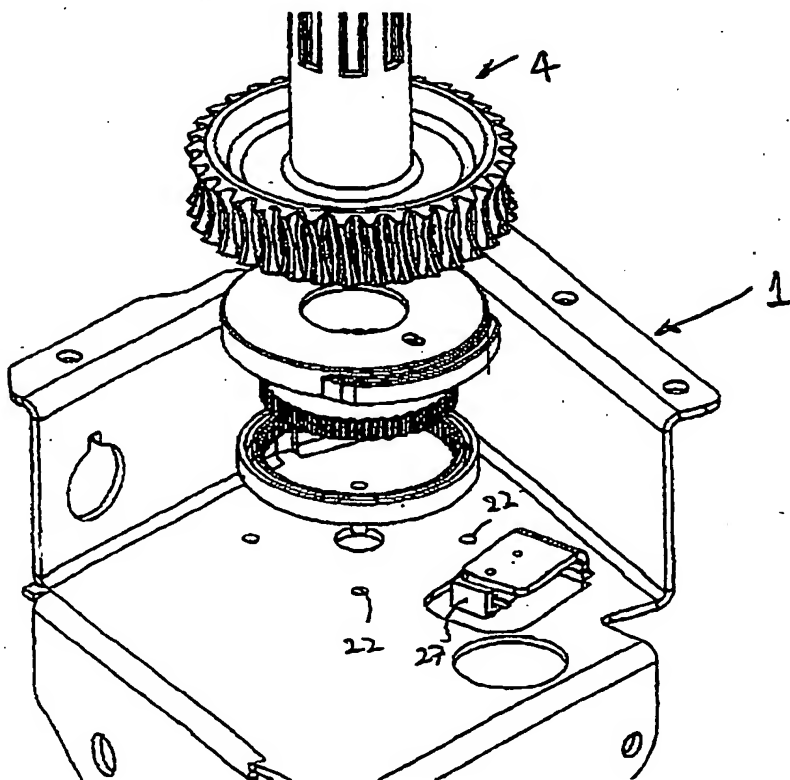
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(57) Abstract: Apparatus for referencing a rotary drive with limits of movement required for that drive to take account of a particular application, for example the movement limits of opening or closing a garage door, comprising referencing a cam actuable switch (27) to the disposition of a drive in a range, said apparatus having an eccentric member (16) dependent on the drive, a spur gear (17) carried by the eccentric member and free to rotate relative to the eccentric member, a ring gear (19) with its inwardly directed teeth in an epicyclic meshing relationship with the spur gear (17), and a cam (23) rotatable with the spur gear adapted to interact with a switch (27), wherein there is an adaption or a capability whereby the switch is in a substantially fixed relationship with said ring gear (19).

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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